

Weekly Update April 22, 2024

Karen Connolly, Select Board Member

Good Morning Scituate. Meetings this week include the following:

Monday: Board of Health, via Zoom

Tuesday: Coastal Advisory, Select Board. The Mordecai Lincoln committee will be reporting their findings on the survey that was sent out.

Wednesday: Conservation via Zoom, DEI

Thursday: Planning Board meeting is hybrid.

All agendas can be found on the town website here:

<https://www.scituatema.gov/calendar/month/2024-04>

Next Monday, April 29, 2024 is Special Town meeting to vote on the Hatherly/Cushing School Project. Please mark your calendar.

Ship Shape Day is on May 4th. If you are part of a group and wish to select a specific area to clean up, you may reach out to Shipshapeday.org.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Special Town Meeting is Monday night, **April 29 at 7:00pm** at the High School Gym. The only item on the warrant is the Cushing/Hatherly school project. There is a link on the Town's web page, red banner at the top that will bring you to information on the project.
2. The Annual Town Election is **Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 8am-8pm** at Scituate High School.
3. The Scituate and Cohasset Fire Departments, the Scituate and Cohasset Harbormasters offices and the Scituate Police Department, in conjunction with Mass DEP will be conducting an oil spill exercise in Scituate Harbor in the vicinity of the Jericho Boat Launch on **April 25, 2024**, from approximately 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Containment boom will be deployed in the water and vessels with the Scituate and Cohasset Fire Departments and Harbormasters and Scituate Police will be operating in the area. Mariners are advised to use caution when transiting this area. Interested mariners may contact the Scituate Harbormaster or the U.S. Coast Guard by VHF radio.
4. The Town is conducting concrete testing on the Cedar Point Seawall. The testing will take place on Turner Road and Lighthouse Road, south of the intersection with Jericho Road. Questions-contact the Engineering Department at 781-545-8732, ext. 5.

5. As part of the Department of Revenue mandate to perform an on-site inspection of property every ten years, the Assessor's office will be using the services of PK & Associates to inspect all homes that have not been inspected since 2020 in the Humarock and Cliff areas in the Town of Scituate. The inspections will consist of an exterior measurement of the home and structures and a request to inspect the interior of the home.

The inspections will be conducted by representatives from the PK Valuation Group. Their motor vehicle registration details of the inspectors are on file with the Scituate Police Department and they will be wearing badges. The inspections will begin Thursday, April 26, 2024.

Please contact the Assessors' office at 781-545-8712 if you have any questions.

6. The Scituate Water Department will continue flushing the Town's water pipes. They will be on Stockbridge Road heading to Brook Street and the Village Market. Later in the week they will be flushing from Cedarwood Lane heading east on First Parish. This routine maintenance may cause temporary changes, including brown water in both the area of flushing and beyond. Keep an eye out for discoloration and double check before bathing or doing laundry. Questions-call the Water Department at (781) 545-8735.
7. Scituate Water Department wants to remind residents that annual water conservation measures go into effect May 1 and run through September 30. All outdoor watering must occur before 9 AM and after 5 PM.
Between May 1 and September 30, automatic irrigation systems may be used one date per week, as designated by the Scituate Water Division according to precinct. See the Town web site for details.
 - a. Properties in Precinct 1 may irrigate lawns on Monday
 - b. Properties in Precinct 2 may irrigate lawns on Tuesday
 - c. Properties in Precinct 3 may irrigate lawns on Wednesday
 - d. Properties in Precinct 4 may irrigate lawns on Thursday
 - e. Properties in Precinct 5 may irrigate lawns on Friday

These restrictions are state restrictions and do not have anything to do with the amount of water in our reservoir or the amount of rainfall that we have experienced. It is imposed on the water basin that Scituate gets our water from.

When Scituate's Reservoir falls to a level of 36 feet (49% full), the Scituate Water Division has the standing authority to implement a total outdoor watering ban. As of May 26, 2015, no new in-ground systems may be connected to the town's drinking water supply. Fines for violating this rule may be levied on the homeowner as well as the system installer.

Violation of these conservation measures may result in fines of up to \$300.00 per day (Scituate Code of General Bylaws, Section 30660).

8. The contractor for the Scituate Lighthouse project was scheduled to be back on site today to complete the remaining work on the Lighthouse, however the rainy weather of the past several weeks has delayed the mason so work will now commence next **Monday, 4/29**. As residents may recall, we were forced to pause the project last year when the weather got to cold. The required grout work requires that the temperature remains over 40 degrees. Grouting, metal handrails outside the lighting room, some glass work and painting are the major remaining project items. All exterior work and painting with the removal of the exterior scaffolding is scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day weekend. The Historic Society has tentatively set August 7, National Lighthouse Day, as the date to celebrate the renovation of Scituate Light. Details to follow.
9. Mark your calendars for **2024 Ship Shape Day that will take on Star Wars Day, Saturday, May 4**. Supplies can be picked up at Town Hall from 8am-1pm. Clean-up can be done on Saturday and/or Sunday and residents can leave the special Ship Shape Day bags by the side of the road where they will be picked up by the DPW. Ship Shape Day is sponsored by the Beautification Committee and the Town of Scituate.
10. The Town Treasurer would like to remind residents that quarterly payments for **real estate and personal property taxes are due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024**. You can pay your taxes in person at the Treasurer's Office here at Town Hall or through the Town web site under "Online Services" on the Town's Home page and selecting "Pay Bills Online." For additional details you can visit the Treasurer's web page and select "Important Tax Information."
11. The Scituate Board of Health will be hosting a **Mosquito and Tick presentation on Monday April 29 from 3:30pm-5:00pm** at the Scituate Library in the Community Room. This presentation will be in collaboration with the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project and they will provide helpful tips on keeping you and your family safe from exposure to Mosquitos and Ticks.
12. The Scituate Health Department will also be hosting the Dana-Farber Mammography Van on **Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM**. Women aged 40 and older interested in scheduling an appointment can reach out to the Mammography Van office at 617-632-1974.
Dana-Farber will seamlessly obtain prior mammography films/images with permission, ensuring a user-friendly process.

The van will be stationed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, conveniently located across from Town Hall at the corner of Route 3A and First Parish Road.

Special thanks to Reverend Natasha Stewart and St. Luke's Episcopal Church for graciously hosting the Mammography Van

The van is fully licensed and inspected by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Screening mammograms will be conducted by Dana-Farber's skilled technologists and interpreted by board-certified radiologists from Dana-Farber.

For any questions, please contact the Scituate Health Department at (781) 545-8725.

13. The Scituate Police Department will be hosting a blood drive with the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center to remember and honor all those fighting cancer. The Drive will take place on **Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 8:00am – 2:30pm at the Public Safety Complex, 800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway**. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins will be taken as time allows. A photo ID is required. As a special thank you, donors will receive a Kraft Family Blood Center \$10 Target Gift Card. For information call 617-632-3206.
14. Burning Season ends May 1.

Burning Permit Regulations

Open burning is prohibited in the following areas: Minot, Humarock and any location EAST of Hatherly RD.

The Scituate Fire Department will strictly enforce the following State regulations. All permit holders must agree to abide by these rules, with the understanding that the Scituate Fire Department reserves the right to refuse or revoke any permit that does not conform to these rules.

- a. The open burning season for residential properties will be from January 15, 2024, through May 1, 2024
- b. Permit burning is only allowed between the daylight hours of 10:00am to 4:00pm and all fires must be started before noon and all fires must be completely extinguished by 4:00 pm
- c. Burning sites will be spot checked and permits for areas not meeting these requirements will be refused or revoked
- d. All fires must be at least 75 ft from any structure and you must have an available water supply, such as, a pressurized water pump, can, or hose and shovels or rakes for controlling the fire.
- e. **ONLY BRUSH MAY BE BURNED: LEAVES AND GRASS MAY NOT.** All fires must be tended to at all times. Piles of brush must be kept small and manageable. If fire extends beyond the initial area the permit may be revoked.
- f. If we receive a complaint that the fire is causing a smoke nuisance, the fire will have to be extinguished.
- g. You must check online each day to verify and request burning. Permission will be granted only on those days when winds, dryness of woods and atmospheric conditions warrant the issue of same.
- h. Increases in wind velocity, or change in other conditions, will be cause for the immediate extinguishments of fires by all permit holders.
- i. A fine of \$500.00 is applicable by Mass. Law for any illegal burning

- j. The Scituate Fire Department will immediately revoke the permit if the above rules and regulations are not strictly adhered to. There will be no refund of fees if the permit is revoked for cause.
15. The Scituate Food Pantry continues to see an increase in clients seeking assistance. The Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The pantry has a new list of most needed items as they are unable to get these items from the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Cream of Mushroom Soup	
Low Sugar Cereal (Cheerios/Chex/ Rice Krispies, etc.)	
Boxed Oatmeal	Juice Boxes
Cranberry Juice	Jell-O/Pudding Cups
Canned White Tuna	Canned Mixed Fruit
Baked Beans	Quick Bread Mix

Items can be dropped off at the Pantry during operating hours or in the bins behind the Old Gates School. The Scituate Library, Village Market and Shaw’s also collect items for the Pantry.

16. North Scituate Beach Nourishment Project should be wrapping up this week. Once completed, a final update will be posted on the Coastal Management and Flood Hazard Mitigation page on the Town of Scituate website.
17. Finally, on a sad note, I regret to inform residents that former Recreation Director Maura Glancy passed away this weekend. In many ways, she was the face of the community to literally thousands of Scituate residents, from toddlers to seniors. Her impact and legacy are monumental and she will be missed. I would like to offer my condolences to her family and loved ones in this trying time.
18. Meetings
- Monday-BOH
 - Tuesday-Select Board, Coastal Advisory
 - Wednesday-ConCom, DEI
 - Thursday-Moderator’s Meeting and Planning Board
19. Make sure to check out the Scituate Community TV YouTube Channel for Town of Scituate updates on news, school events & sports, and community programs. Also, make sure you register for Town of Scituate emails by going to the web-site and clicking on “Subscribe to News”. Follow the Town on Facebook.

Superintendent of Schools, Bill Burkhead

[SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 4.22.24](#)

Time Take (TT)

154 WORDS 2 MINUTES TO READ

📌 This Week's Top News :

● Cushing/Hatherly Building Project Update

● Special Town Meeting

*** Cushing/Hatherly New School Project**

● For important new building project information please visit scit.org and click on "MSBA Project" on home page

● **Upcoming Meetings:**

❖ Neighborhood Meeting (open to public): Mon. April 22, 2024 at Hatherly Elementary School Library 4 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES

Special Town Meeting: Funding Vote

● Mon. Apr. 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Scituate High School

Annual Town Election: Debt Exclusion Vote

● Sat. May 18, 2024, Scituate High School

*** Special Town Meeting April 8, 2024**

I want to personally thank the Scituate community for unanimously supporting the School Committees FY 25' Operating and Capital Budget at the April 8th Special Town Meeting. Your support is so appreciated and will allow our great educators the resources they need to provide the best education for our amazing students, while completing capital and maintenance projects to improve our aging buildings. We appreciate you all!